GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4571
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AMENDMENT IN LUNATIC ACT
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to enact amendments in the Indian Lunatic Act to provide fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any request from NGOs and leading Psyschiatrists of the country in this reagard; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d) The Indian Lunacy Act 1912 and the Lunacy Act 1977 have been repealed following enactment of Mental Health Act, 1987. Adequate provisions exist under the Mental Health Act, 1987 which came into effect from 1st April, 1993 to safeguard the fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental illness.